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In re Patent Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1638

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For: GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS

HAVING MODULATED BRASSINOSTEROID

SIGNALING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF FEBRUARY 18, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 18, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

A response to the restriction requirement is due on March 18, 2004; this response is therefore timely.